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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THE recent destruction by fire of a dormitory at Harvard revivifies a possibility often present in the mind of the top-floor man as he loses consciousness in sleep. Should Starr or Painter Hall take fire in one of the lower stories and get well under way before an alarm were given the chances of escape for those sleeping in the upper part of the building would be small. These rooms are fitted with no means of escape whatever. The fact that no fire has occurred since 1864 is not sufficient assurance that the next forty years will be exempt, nor, should it come at all, that vacation time would leave only the boys' furniture to be destroyed, as was then the case. It would be a comparatively inexpensive undertaking to provide at least Starr Hall, heated as it is with coal stoves run by sometimes careless students, with some sort of fire escape, if no more than thirty feet of hemp rope. A bit of precaution in time is far better that all regret after the mischief is done.

IN MAKING its bow and handing over the editorial pen, the retiring board feels impelled to give a word of advice. THE UNDERGRADUATE *should* be a monthly. The reasons are manifest and numerous. Perhaps the strongest comes from the department of the business manager. A brief comparison of THE UNDERGRADUATE with other college periodicals is significant. Of the eighteen pages of our regular issue but six are taken up with advertising matter. Of two or three exchanges before us one, out of twenty-seven pages, has thirteen given up to advertisements; another of fourteen pages is just equally divided between literary matter and advertisements; in still another the former department occupies fifteen pages while the latter fills twenty. Of the three papers cited the first is a bi-weekly, the second a monthly and the third a weekly. The revenue from a business page is proportionately much greater than that derived from the subscription page. They in no way detract from the value of the paper itself any more than the magazines of the day are cheapened by the mass of annexed advertising. An increased income results in a better paper from both an artistic and literary standpoint. The fact of THE UNDERGRADUATE'S thirty per cent. of advertising as against the fifty and even seventy-five per cent. of our contemporaries is not due to any inertia of the business manager, but rather to the reluctance of the business world to advertise in a medium that reaches the people but six times during a year. This for the business side. Now the incoming board creaks under the burden of three or four added issues, but there is no danger of an overburden if the board is supported as it should be at both ends and not as heretofore anchored at one only, while the other is used as a spring-board by which the assistants are tossed into the unruffled waters of exemption from chapel oratory. In other words, it is advised that the Editor-in-chief exercise the powers vested in him by the second clause of Section 2, Article V., of the constitution, and assign the several departments to certain editors and hold them responsible for those departments under penalty of forfeiture of rhetorical exemption. By the inauguration of a monthly issue

much news now unavailable would help to fill the columns, and we venture the prediction that any increase of labor would be more than offset by a better and more prosperous college paper, the enhanced value of which subscribers would not be slow to appreciate.

LITERARY.

MARCH.

Ah, fickle March with wind and rain,
And snow, and sleet, and hail;
You smile on us your sunshine now,
And now a perfect gale
Entangles tresses jet or gold,—
Impartial would you seem,
But yet me thinks, if truth were told,
The brunette's glossy gleam
Enamours most your changing moods
And pleases best your heart;
On each blond cheek neath golden floods,
You seek by every art
To paint deep blushes deeper yet,
You're bound to make them all brunette.

W. M. B.

A RHETORICAL "COMBINE."

[The interest attaching to the appended essay arises from the fact that it is a composite production, the work of ten collaborators each working independently on the paragraph assigned him, but with an outline of the whole in his possession. The only changes in the material thus brought together have been the slight ones necessary at the beginning of some paragraphs to knit them to the paragraphs preceding. The purpose of the exercise was to teach each writer to encroach upon the territory of no one else — to "shinny on his own side," if the old game is still in vogue — and so to secure paragraph unity in his individual compositions. The result is fairly satisfactory and may perhaps be provocative of rhetorical reminiscence in the mind of some alumnus. That proper credit may be given, the initials of the authors are appended. C. B. W.]

THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE DEGREE.

It must be admitted at the outset that the value of a college degree is not fixed. If the higher institutions of learning had a uniform standard for entrance and graduation, this would not be so; but the varying college curricula place a different estimate on degrees. The school which requires a higher grade of scholarship than another reasonably deserves to be placed in a higher rank. The higher the rank, the more vigorous the mental discipline and the greater the value of the diploma. Thus it is apparent that the rank of the college determines the value of the degree conferred.

In our discussion, too, we would use the term in its broadest and truest sense, presupposing that every college degree truly represents a certain amount of acquired knowledge. Our consideration will in no way include those merely nominal college degrees, which some of the low-grade colleges are so promiscuously distributing Such degrees, like counterfeit bills, are worth no more than the paper on which they are printed, and are unworthy of the title which they bear.

Beginning, then, with the value to the individual, the college degree furnishes personal satisfaction as a goal attained. From childhood to youth, from youth to manhood, we are continually urged on by our ambition to the attainment of certain ideals. Youth furnishes only a dim, hazy view of the development which comes from a college course, but we set the ambition before us that we, too, may possess that development of self. After we have struggled for four years and received that benefit which, before, we only vaguely saw we might receive, we desire something that shall stand for the four years of, perhaps, the best part of our lives—the time when youth verges into manhood—which we have used to develop ourselves; and our college degree stands for all this.

Then, too, as one starts out in the world, perhaps among strangers, his college degree helps him in whatever he undertakes. In public life more confidence is placed in his ability than in that of another not having the long training in college. He is welcomed more cordially into society, for he is known to have spent a part of his life, at least, with the most cultured intellects Everywhere he should be esteemed who has had the ambition and perseverance to obtain, after four years of hard work, the college degree.

As an aid in securing a position, the practical value of a degree consists largely in the fact that it does receive such prestige. It is acknowledged that this is more true of the professional than of the mercantile world, but the college degree frequently enables a

graduate, not so much on account of his book-knowledge as on account of his intercourse with all sorts and conditions of men, to step in above his non-collegiate brother who began at the bottom round. So matter-of-fact has the world become, that now the parents of a promising son ask, before they determine to send him to college, if it will retard his business career, and the answer is a decided "no"

Another great benefit which is derived from such a degree is the eligibility it gives one to enter the higher schools of education. For example, if one wishes to take a higher degree in some particular line of work, he must first have obtained this preliminary degree. It is also required to enter nearly all the higher schools of law, medicine, etc., and in schools where it is not required longer courses must be taken to graduate. The increasing value of the college degree is due, perhaps, in some measure, to the fact that it is more and more demanded for entrance to these higher schools.

A college degree, moreover, is to a young man starting upon active life what a weapon is to a pedestrian attacked by foot-pads. The weapon may not be loaded, and the degree may be ineffective, but, in ignorance of this, the young man and the pedestrian have the courage to struggle—the former with the world, the latter with his assailants; and often this small amount of self confidence is all that is necessary to make him successful in his undertakings.

Passing now to its value to the world, the college degree protects the public against those who might falsely claim to have had a college education. The world has the right to demand of any young man his degree, as a proof of his claim of having had such training. And the degree itself in the hands of an impostor would be the means of proving his fraud.

Again, the college degree raises the general standard of education, inasmuch as the work required for obtaining it is as much as any average person can accomplish with hard study in the allotted time. The degree cannot be obtained without this required course of advanced study; and since the world demands the degree, the standard of education must be raised to meet the needs of the world.

In our whole discussion we must of course distinguish between the regular college degrees, and those of an honorary nature. At the present time there are many of the latter granted. These are conferred upon persons who have won fame in certain lines of intellectual work, whether they are college graduates or not. Of course these degrees are of much value to the possessor, but they do not of necessity show such hard and constant study as does the college degree. A. B. 2 C. E. 3 F. 4 H. 2 J. K. 2 L. 5 M. 3 P. R 2 S. 3 W.

AMONG THE ALUMNI.

[Contributions in the way of literary articles, reminiscences and news of former graduates are especially solicited from alumni.

In the case of a change of address, alumni are requested to notify the Business Manager. Much trouble has been caused in the past by failure to do this.]

'61. S. B. Partridge expects to sail for Swatow, China, in September next. In a recent letter he expresses regret at not being able to attend the Commencement this year, as it will be the fortieth anniversary of the class of '61.

'79. The March Spirit of Missions says: "The board approved the bishop's recommendation that the Rev. John W. Chapman should be granted leave of absence for next season." Mr. Chapman will probably leave Anvik, Alaska, in June and reach Middlebury after a four weeks' journey.

'97 Marcus D. Whitney, for some time in the employ of Ex-Governor Page at Hyde Park, has purchased a half interest in a clothing house at his former home in Granville, N. Y., and is doing a fine business under the firm name of Rivenburg & Whitney.

'99. Frank W. Cady, principal of the Chester (Vt.) High School, visited friends and relatives in Middlebury February 25. He started Tuesday, February 26, for his home in Chicago, Ill.

'99. Rev. Donald P. Hurlburt, pastor of the Methodist Church at Bridport, and Miss Sarah O. Wright of Weybridge, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, March 24. Though the wedding was characteristic of Mr. Hurlburt's usual quiet manner and only a few of the intimate friends were present at the ceremony, yet the congratulations and good wishes of many are extended to both.

'00. W. T. Barnard has entered partnership with his oldest brother Charles, and is now a member of the firm of Barnard Brothers at Granville, N. Y. The goods handled are boots, shoes and groceries, and the firm occupies one of the finest stores in that thriving business town.

'00. Louis W. Severy of Shoreham was in Middlebury Tuesday evening, February 19, to attend the reception and dance gived by the Pi Beta Phi fraternity to the Chi Psi fraternity.

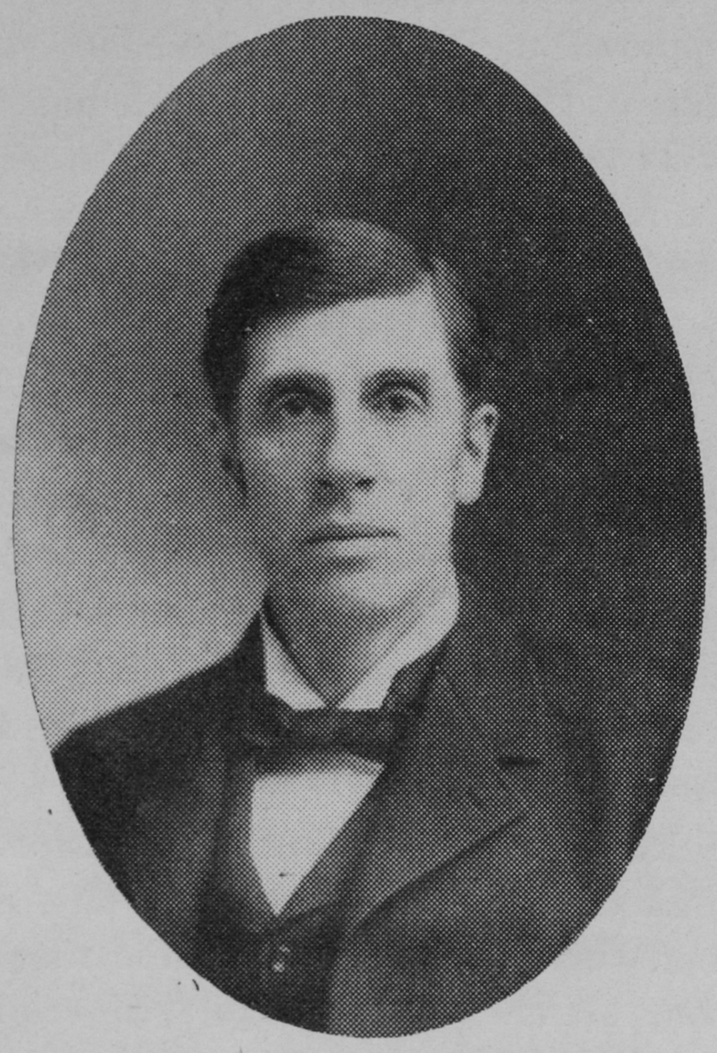
Ex-'00. Miss Elizabeth N. Armstrong was married to Francis N. Hackley February 28, at Oakfield, N. Y., by the Rev. C. C. Gove, '74, rector of St. Michæl's church in that place.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES M. WILDS.

Charles M. Wilds, of the class of '75, died at his home in Middlebury Friday morning, February 15. Although Mr. Wilds had for some time been in failing health, the announcement that death had come caused a pang of deepest regret.

The funeral was held at the Congregational church Monday morning at 11 o'clock, President Brainerd



officiating. From 10:30 to 11 o'clock the body lay in state before the pulpit, where hundreds passed the casket, which rested among a profusion of beautiful floral tributes. The large church was completely filled with an audience composed of townspeople, students and members of the college executive board, of which Mr. Wilds was a prominent member, representatives of the Vermont Bar association, the judges of the supreme court, officials of the great railroad corporations with which the deceased was connected, and many citizens high in the political, social and official life of the state and county.

A special train of four cars from Montreal and ex-Governor Smith's private car "Mansfield" from St. Albans came at 10:50 o'clock, and was tendered to convey the remains and the funeral party to Bristol, where the burial was made. Percival W. Clement of Rutland also came up at 11 o'clock with a small party. Among those present from outside Middlebury were the following: Governor Stickney, Lieutenant Governor Allen, former Gov. E. J. Ormsbee, Gen. J. G. McCullough, Judge Russel S. Taft, Judge Loveland Munson, Judge Torrey E. Wales, besides representatives of the Grand Trunk and of the Central Vermont railroads.

Rev. Thomas Simms occupied the pulpit with President Brainerd. The services began with the reading of selections of scripture, followed by the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," by a quartette composed of Dr. W. H. Sheldon, Mrs. Cushing Hill, Miss Berniece Thomas and Charles Whitney. Mrs. G. D. Miner presided at the organ. President Brainerd, as the life-long friend of Mr. Wilds, gave the following tribute with much feeling:

We have met today to perform the last sad offices and to pay our simple tribute of respect for one who in an unusual degree possessed the confidence and esteem of those who knew him. In God's all wise providence a valuable life has come to its earthly close, at a time when it had reached the fulness of its power and usefulness. The masterful hand, potent in the direction of affairs both in business and public life, now lies motionless. The clear brain, which could follow so unerringly the golden thread of justice and equity through the tangled mazes of human controversy, throbs no longer. The lips, that moved so often with words of cheer and affection, are silent forever.

I cannot hope on this occasion to present an adequate account of the life and character of Mr. Wilds. Our thoughts are too confused by the suddenness and greatness of our bereavement to speak appropriately of his professional abilities and his rare qualities as a man. Our eyes are too dim with tears to read the record of his achievements. Let me be content, rather, as an old friend to lay simply a few flowers of affection on his casket.

I first knew Mr. Wilds when he entered college twenty-nine years ago last autumn. He was then only fifteen years and eight months old — four years younger than the average of boys who enter college. But his precocious and alert mind enabled him to take high rank as a scholar, especially in logical and mathematical studies. Let me mention an incident which at that early age indicated a trait of mind that has characterized all his subsequent professional work. At the close of a study in which I had been the instructor I gave out a difficult problem, offering a small prize to the student who would furnish a solu-

tion within forty-eight hours. I had done this for several preceding years without a successful response. But Mr. Wilds, after some hours of study, brought in a solution that for clearness and simplicity and beauty of demonstration far exceeded any disposition of the problem that I had thought possible. Here was revealed that clear grasp of logical relations and that persistent study of a difficult question till he had thoroughly mastered it, that made him so eminent as a jurist. It is the testimony of one of his brother lawyers that he never took up a question before the courts which he did not, in his treatment of it, illuminate and adorn.

At the time of his death Mr. Wilds had obtained wide recognition for his ability and success as a legal counsellor. After several years of successful practice in Addison county he became more and more engaged on important cases in other courts in this and neighboring states. It is said of him that his success in winning cases before the Supreme Court was extraordinary; he rarely if ever lost a case. At one time I had occasion to know something of his work in a number of suits involving titles to land, in which he was invariably victorious. And these successes were not due, as it was sometimes vulgarly supposed, to any favoritism of court or judge nor to any magic of rhetorical skill that could make the worse appear the better cause; our friend was incapable of this. His success was due to his exhaustless study of a case before deciding upon a definite method of procedure; to his profound and positive grasp of the principles of law and precedent that governed the case; and to his skill in so presenting these principles that they became luminous and convincing to other minds.

During these last years Mr. Wilds's time has been largely devoted to the settlement of legal complications in the railway system of Vermont. His ability and tact and energy in bringing these controversies to a satisfactory termination have won for him a brilliant reputation in professional circles. Of the esteem and affection in which he was held by his associates, the presence of so many of them on this sad occasion speaks more eloquently than any words that I might utter.

But our friend had not only a finely organized brain; he had also a great heart. We admired him for his intellectual power; but we loved him for his frank and generous nature. His sympathy and counsel were shown in all matters that affected the public interest. In many enterprises to promote the welfare and prosperity of this community he was the leading spirit. In 1891 he was elected a member of the corporation of Middlebury College, and during the subsequent years has rendered to the institution most faithful and efficient service. Being a resident trustee he has been called upon to give much of his valuable time and thought to the business affairs of the College; and even in the midst of other pressing duties, these calls have always been answered cheerfully, efficiently and gratuitously. The College had no more loyal and generous supporter during these past years than the man whose loss we today so deeply lament.

Let me speak briefly of those beautiful traits of character that were revealed most fully to those who knew him best. He possessed in an eminent degree those noble qualities that form the basis of the strongest friendship. Solomon says there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother; Mr. Wilds was such a friend—ever generous and unselfish—as loyal and true as the needle to the pole. In the hour of sorest affliction he was the first to appear with his quiet sympathy; in distress or perplexity he was ever ready with a helping hand; and in the glad hour of life his coming was as welcome as the sunshine. Such a man was sure to have a host of friends. Often abrupt and outspoken in his censures, he harbored hatred or malice toward none. Those whom he criticised most severely knew him to be an honorable and generous opponent and could cherish no resentment. Though having to deal largely with the controversies of men, he was essentially a peacemaker — one who made even his enemies to be at peace with him.

To such an one, in the prime of life and in the full vigor of manhood, the summons came that sooner or later comes to all. It came suddenly and with no uncertain meaning. With unclouded mind and with manly fortitude he set his affairs in order and prepared to obey the summons. With calm resignation he prayed only that he might be spared a lingering illness, and the sadness of uttering a last farewell to loving friends. It seems to me that with singular appropriateness the last words ever written by Lord Tennyson express our friend's attitude of mind:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

At the close prayer was offered by President Brainerd and a hymn was sung. The remains were then taken to the station, where the train sent by the courtesy of the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railroads was waiting and conveyed the funeral party to Bristol. There Col. N. F. Dunshee had charge of all the arrangements. A large concourse of Mr. Wilds's boyhood friends were at the station in Bristol and followed the hearse to the cemetery, where burial took place in the family lot. His College fraternity, the Chi Psi — the only society he joined while at College — went to Bristol in a body.

The bearers were ex-Governor Stewart, Rufus Wainwright and W. H. Bliss of Middlebury, E. D. Fitzhugh and J. B. Laurie of St. Albans, Brainerd

Kellogg of Brooklyn, N. Y., George Wright of New York, and Frank L. Fish of Vergennes.

Business in Middlebury and Bristol was suspended during the hour of the funeral services. The College and schools also had no morning sessions.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Alpha Chi Fraternity:

Whereas, In God's divine wisdom, He has seen fit to take from our number Mrs. May Bolton Peck, and

Whereas, In her death Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi mourns the loss of a charter member and a faithful worker in the establishment of the Fraternity; be it therefore

Resolved, That we extend our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement to her husband, Mr. Alva Peck, and to her sister, Miss Harriet Bolton, our sister in Alpha Chi; and be it also

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her husband and to her sister, and that the same be published in THE UNDERGRADUATE.

GERTRUDE E. CORNISH,
MABEL A. RYDER,
LEILA F. DUSTIN,
FANNY L. MILLIKEN,
Committee.

Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi,
Middlebury, Vt., March 23, 1901.

CARD OF THANKS.

The wife and family of Frank D. Eddy wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the Class of 1904 for their kindness in sending flowers for his funeral; also to the Delta Upsilon Fraternity for flowers and music; and to both for their sympathy in this sorrow.

ATHLETICS.

BASE BALL OUTLOOK.

More enthusiastic preparations for base ball are being made than has been the case for some time. The schedule of games arranged by Manager Stafford, '01, is more extended and includes stronger teams than ever before. With but two exceptions only college or university clubs will be played. The management is negotiating for games with Yale College and Tuft's College.

The season will open April 6, by a game with the Harvard 'Varsity at Cambridge. Under the direction of Captain R. S. Stearns, '01, earnest preparations for this and the remaining games have been in progress for some time.

All of last year's nine are in College and they will be reinforced by good material from the Freshman class. The team is having daily work in the gymnasium and all the members will remain here for practise during the Easter vacation.

Several additions to the schedule will be made later, but as now arranged it is as follows:

April 6. Harvard at Cambridge, Mass.
May 8. Williams at Williamstown, Mass.
May 9. Amherst Aggies at Amherst.
May 10. Amherst Aggies at Amherst.
May 11. Vermont Academy at Saxton's River.
May 16. Union at Middlebury.
May 25. Norwich University at Middlebury.
May 28. U. V. M. at Burlington.
May 29. Potsdam Normal at Potsdam, N. Y.
May 30. Hamilton College at Clinton, N. Y.
May 31. Open.
June 1. Open.
June 4. Amherst Aggies at Middlebury.
June 5. Amherst Aggies at Middlebury.
June 25. Alumni.

PAN-AMERICAN SPORTS.

The president of the Pan-American Exposition recently appointed a committee on sports as follows: Jesse C. Dann, chairman; Dr. Charles Cary, J. McC. Mitchell, John B. Olmsted, Charles M. Ransom, Seward A. Simons, William Burnet Wright, Jr.

Soon after its appointment the committee invited the following named gentlemen to act as members of an advisory committee on amateur sports: Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Walter Camp, C. C. Cuyler, C. S. Hyman (Canada), C. H. Sherrill, A. A. Stagg, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Casper Whitney. The appointment of this advisory committee emphasizes the desire of the committee to have all amateur competitions occupy the highest possible plane.

The Stadium, with a seating capacity of 12,000, is beautiful in design and promises to be one of the most successful architectural creations of the exposition. It will surround a quarter-mile track with ground area ample for the requirements of all the events proposed.

As to the nature of the athletic events planned, it may be said that amateur sports of all kinds will be encouraged as representing the most desirable of athletic competitions, and the members of the com

mittee on sports, being college graduates, particularly wish to make a special feature of college sports. In the management of inter-collegiate events it is the desire of the committee that the various college associations be invited to undertake as far as possible the arrangement of the necessary details connected therewith.

Although amateur sports will comprise a large part of the programme, it is proposed to have such a number of professional events as will allow visitors an opportunity to witness the athletic skill of the best professionals. The character of prizes that will be offered has not yet been definitely determined upon, but the assurance may be given that prizes will be awarded of value as lasting souvenirs of athletic success at the exposition.

It is proposed to arrange a number of college base ball and foot ball games, and it is especially desired by the committee that the Eastern Inter-Collegiate (I. A. A. A.) Track Meeting be held in Buffalo next year.

An ideal programme might be to hold in the Stadium the Eastern Inter-Collegiate Meeting, then the Western Inter-Collegiate; these to be followed by a Pan-American Meeting open to competitors in the two previous meetings and to representatives of other Inter-Collegiate Associations.

Other Inter-Collegiate events have been considered, such as lacrosse, cross country running with start and finish in the Stadium, etc.

The committee on sports hope that the exposition may have a full college representation. It is proposed to hold many other sports in the Stadium, the A. A. U. championship, lawn tennis, lacrosse, cycling, association foot ball, water sports, trap and target shooting, etc.

TRIP OF THE MUSICAL CLUBS.

After considerable delay, owing to the lateness in the organization of the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, the first concert of the season was given in Weybridge February 15, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Much time had been spent upon the instrumental work and it was a decided addition to the program. Friday evening, March 1, the clubs drove to New Haven where they were greeted by the usual enthusiastic New Haven audience. The concert in Bristol, March 8, came on a stormy night and only a small number dared to face the fury of the elements. The enthusiasm of the audience made up for its lack of numbers and spurred the boys on to their best efforts.

Tuesday, March 12, the clubs started on the usual winter trip, singing that night at Rutland under the auspices of the Universalist Church. In this concert the Glee Club did the best work. Mr. Simmons's solo was warmly applauded and Mr. Barnard's "Languid Man" was very popular with the audience. In the afternoon the clubs were given an informal reception by Mrs. George Eliot Cooley. After the concert they were entertained by Edward Dana of the class of '76, an electric car being furnished to take the clubs from the concert to Mr. Dana's residence on Madison avenue. Several of the young ladies of Rutland were invited and an informal supper was served. Mr. Dana entertained the company by reading extracts from the rules that were in force during his college course, many of which seemed rather rigid to the fellows. After supper dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Wednesday the clubs reached Granville. Here, owing to the efforts of Barnard, '00, a larger audience greeted the boys than in previous years. After the concert a reception was given to the clubs by Mrs. Barnard, about fifty people being present. Music was furnished by several of the young ladies of Granville and the boys had a repetition of the good times they always have at the Barnards'.

Thursday afternoon the clubs gave a concert to a crowded house in Rupert. Dinner was served by the ladies of the Congregational Church and at two o'clock the concert began. Mr. Eaton captured the audience with his impersonations and the plantation melodies rendered by the 'cello were especially well received.

Thursday evening a concert was given in Salem to a small audience, the Lenten season interfering with the attendance. After the concert the seats were removed from the hall and a dance enjoyed.

Friday noon the clubs started for Castleton, where they were warmly greeted and that evening gave a concert to a large audience. The Mandolin Club was especially good, playing with more dash and vigor than at any of its previous appearances. Several Middlebury alumni were present and testified to their enjoyment of the program. A short dance followed the concert.

The final concert was given in Pittsford Saturday

night. The boys felt rather more anxious over this than perhaps was necessary, as the clubs from the University of Vermont had been in Pittsford a short time before. The program was well rendered, and the fellows felt fully repaid for their efforts, upon hearing the comparisons which were made. A dance followed till Sunday broke upon the festivities. The clubs returned to Middlebury on the sleeper.

As a whole the program was up to the standard of last year. The pieces by the Glee Club, though well rendered, were not as popular as last season, while the specialities took better with the audiences. The Mandolin Club, for the first one Middlebury has had in some time, was a great success and added much to the enjoyment of the concerts. Following is the program given by the clubs:

PROGRAM.

PART I.

1. GLEE—"Middlebury, Middlebury, Rah! Rah! Rah!"
GLEE CLUB.

Let us all unite in singing
Our dear Alma Mater's praise;
And with voices that are ringing
Mighty shouts to heaven we raise.
All the forces she has wielded
Make alone a Book of Fame.
What her mother love has yielded
We with gratitude proclaim.

Where the sun is rising, setting,
Middlebury men are found;
Let us send to them a geeting
That will roll the world around.
How their hearts would be delighted
Could they swell our grand "Hurrah!
Dear old Midd, to thee we've plighted
Lasting troth and love, Rah! Rah!"

—*T. H.*

2. MARCH—"The Ameer," . . . *Victor Herbert*
MANDOLIN CLUB.
3. SOLO—"A Dream," . . . . . *Bartlett*
MR. SIMMONS.
4. READING, ... *Selected*
MR. EATON.
5. TRIO FOR STRINGS—"Niagara," . . . *Mann*
MR. HOVEY, MR. CARR, MR. WHITE.
6. GLEE—"'Tis Morn," . . . . . *Geibel*
GLEE CLUB.

PART II.

1. WALTZ—"Visions of Rest," . . . . *Baker*
MANDOLIN CLUB.
2. IMPERSONATIONS.
MR. EATON.
3. GLEE—"Middlebury Medley," . *Arranged for Club*
GLEE CLUB.
4. SONG—"The Languid Man," . . . . *Stahl*
MR. BARNARD.
5. PLANTATION MELODIES.
THE 'CELLO.
6. READING, ... *Selected*
MR. EATON.
7. MARCH—"Middlebury Student Song,"
Arranged for Clubs
GLEE AND MANDOLIN CLUBS.

Subject to change.

THE WASHINGTON DINNER.

Not often is one privileged to be present at a more enjoyable gathering than was the First Annual Washington Dinner of the College, held on the evening of February 22, at the Addison House. It is with confidence that this is spoken of as the first annual, for after an occasion so signally successful, no doubt remains of its being established as a permanent college custom.

At 7:30 the company gathered in the hotel parlors, where the time was passed in social intercourse until shortly before 9 o'clock, when the company, numbering 118, was seated at dinner.

The dining room was very simply but tastily decorated with national flags, and cut flowers adorned the tables, three of which were set the full length of the room, and at one end was spread the table of honor. At this were seated the president, the orator, the declaimer of the evening, the toastmaster, and President Brainerd.

While dinner was being served the waits were enlivened by college songs sung in true college style. After the final course had been served, the president, B. L. Stafford, '01, introduced R. L. Carr, '01, who delivered an oration on the life and deeds of Washington, following which G. R. Drake, '02, gave a selection from Washington's farewell address. Professor Walter E. Howard was then introduced as toastmaster of the evening, and the following programme was carried out:

Middlebury, Rah! Rah! — Glee Club
Patriotism as Exemplified in Middlebury College, — President Brainerd
Bravery of Middlebury College Students in Times of Peace, — Charles Whitney, '03
The Ameer March (Herbert), — Mandolin Club
Big Men of the College, Past and Present, — Guy B. Horton, '00

College Customs, Gilbert W. Roberts, '02
Celebration of Holidays as a Stimulus to Mental Development, William H. Hammersley, '04
Flower Song (Lange), Instrumental Trio
Present College Needs, Julius A. Wilcox, '02
Who Was George Washington? Glee Club Quartet
We Are the People, F. J. Bailey, '01

The alumni present were Geo. Stewart, '82, John Fletcher, '87, Miss Mary O. Pollard, '96, of the town; Stanton Eddy, '95, of East Orange, N. J.; George Wright, '95, of Bethel, Vt.; Joseph A. Peck, '98, of New York city. In addition to students and alumni, the following out-of-town guests were present: Mrs. Philip Manchester of Bridgeport, Conn., Miss Brigham of Burlington, Miss Milliken of Malden, Mass., Ezra Brainerd, Jr., of Burlington, and George Abbott of Bethel.

As the hour grew late the toastmaster announced, by the authority of President Brainerd, that Saturday morning chapel exercises would be held half an hour later than usual, and the company separated entirely satisfied with the success of the first Washington dinner.

NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET.

The fourth annual banquet of the Middlebury Alumni of New York City and vicinity occurred on the evening of March 9 at the Manhattan Hotel and was one of the most successful meetings in the history of the association. There was a large attendance, although many of our most loyal men were prevented from being there by illness or business engagements. Professor Kellogg presided with his usual tact and at the conclusion of his introduction to the speaking programme made touching allusion to the death of Mr. Wilds, whose name was there freshly remembered. Short speeches were made by President Brainerd, Dr. Boardman, Dr. Scott, President of the Boston Alumni Association, Mr. Hepburn, Professor Sheldon, Dr. Abernethy, Mr. Dorr, Mr. Lane, and Professor Howard.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, James M. Gifford; vice president, David J. Newland; secretary and treasurer, William H. Button; executive committee, Samuel Sheldon, George M. Wright, Richard H. Smith.

The following gentlemen, alumni and invited guests were present: Rev. George N. Boardman, President Ezra Brainerd, Professor Brainerd Kellogg, Rev. G. R. W. Scott, Lauren Redfield, David J. Newland, Hon. A. B. Hepburn, Professor J. W. Abernethy, Dr. Samuel Sheldon, James M. Gifford, Jesse Stearns, William H. Porter, Walter E. Howard, W. O. Jones, Richard H. Smith, James F. McNaboe, P. J. McNaboe, Willis I. Twitchell, Dr. Frank Churchill, Henry R. Dorr, Leslie H. Raine, Prof. Samuel J. Preston, G. H. Twitchell, Rev. John N. Thomas, Prof. Arthur L. Janes, Carl A. Mead, Dr. C. B. Warner, William J. Douglass, Rufus Wainwright, Jr., H. D. Sears, C. B. F. Palmer, James T. Clark, Richard H. Lane, Colonel Illsley, Lockwood Seely, President Snow, of the Polytechnic Institute. David McGregor Means, Prof. E. H. Higley and others sent letters of regret.

PAPERS BY MIDDLEBURY INSTRUCTORS.

The following paragraphs are of interest as showing certain phases of the outside work of the faculty tending to bring the college into closer touch with the scholars of other academic centers.

President Brainerd contributes to the March *Vermonter* the leading article entitled "The Plants of Vermont." A brief introductory paragraph on the groups and grand divisions of Vermont plants is followed by a popular and instructive account of the chief families of ferns and flowering plants of the state, judicious reference being made to some of the kinds noteworthy by reason of their variety, surprising occurrence, beauty, or economic importance. The article is one of a valuable series upon Vermont themes and follows the most interesting contribution of last month, by Professor H. M. Seely, on "The Geology of Vermont."

"Scirpus Atratus a synonym for Scirpus Peckii" is the title of a critical paper by President Brainerd in the February *Rhodora*. In it he shows the identity of a rare rush first found in New Hampshire some twenty years ago and recently in Vermont with an Adirondack species collected and described in the interval between the collection and publication of the New England specimens.

The "Key to the Genera of Basidiomycetes of Vermont," arranged by Doctor Burt for the use of his classes in Mycology and published by the College in 1899 as "Contributions to the Botany of Vermont, VI.," has had its edition exhausted and is now reprinted in a somewhat extended form by the Boston Mycological club.

No. VIII. of the "Contributions" is also notably connected with Middlebury. It is entitled "Flora of Vermont," being a list of the ferns and seed plants growing in the state without cultivation, and was prepared for the Vermont Botanical Club by a committee consisting of President Brainerd, Professor L. R. Jones of the U. V. M., and Mr. W. W. Eggleston of Rutland. The volume is of much interest as well as value, the habitats given being based on observations made in Vermont, and, in the case of rare plants, the name of the station and of the discoverer being noted. As twelve years have elapsed since the last book of the sort was published in Vermont, that of Professor Perkins, the timeliness of the present issue is apparent.

On Friday, December 28, Professor Sanford presented to the American Institute of Archæology, in session at Philadelphia, a valuable paper on "The Material of the Tunica and Toga." The text was illustrated by means of 28 lantern slides specially prepared from photographs taken at Middlebury. It should be a cause for pride to the friends of the College that Mr. Sanford has made himself, through the labors of the last few years, a recognized authority on the subject of which his paper treats. The contribution will doubtless appear in the *American Journal of Archæology*, but the college body will not be satisfied till it is given an opportunity (why not the coming term?) to listen to the paper and see the views.

A WAY THEY HAVE AT OLD HARVARD.

Gov. Wolcott's bequest to Harvard University was not a large one, only $20,000, though it is considerable when compared with the size of the estate left. As an illustration of the Harvard spirit, however, as manifested by Harvard men who die within twenty miles of the university, it is perfect. They all leave something to the college. It is a part of their faith. They would expect to be coldly greeted in the Harvard heaven if they failed in this last duty on earth. In the aggregate these small bequests make Harvard rich. Some of them are not small. Graduates of other colleges would do well to imitate this Boston and Cambridge custom. Many men who could afford to leave $10,000 to their universities fail to do so because they are ashamed to leave anything since they cannot afford to leave $50,000 or $100,000. The unashamed loyalty which gives what it can, instead of giving nothing because it cannot give much, is the spirit that makes a university strong.—*Waterbury American.*

LOCALS.

Miss A. E. Hausman, '03, has resumed her college work after a two weeks' illness.

R. S. Stearns, '01, who has had a long siege with the grip, is again able to attend college.

Edward J. Eaton of Amherst college was the guest of J. I. Newton, '03, over Sunday, March 17.

Miss B. K. Taft, '00, was recently the guest of the Misses Burditt and Thompson, for several days.

W. J. Darnell, '03, has been confined to his room for nearly two weeks, another victim of the grip.

Burt B. Dimmock, '03, after several yellow weeks of jaundice, is again attending to his college duties.

Miss Bertha Milliken of Malden, Mass., has been visiting her sister, Miss Fannie Milliken of the class of 1904.

Miss Gertrude Cornish, '01, was recently the guest of Miss Grace Potter, '99, now a teacher at Castleton Normal School.

The silence of the library has been deepened by a strip of rubber matting extending from the entrance door to that of the stack room.

On Thursday evening, February 22, the local chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon gave a supper, dance and whist party at Brandon Inn.

A number of the Senior class have looked quite thoroughly into the matter of teaching in the Philippines and have sent in their applications for places.

Miss Elizabeth Williams, '02, has been obliged to return to her home in Poultney on account of ill health. She will not return for the Spring term's work.

C. A. Vœtsch, '02, is quite ill at Burlington. His physician forbade his going with the Glee Club on its trip and he has already missed several weeks of college exercises.

S. C. Eveleth, '04, recently went to his home in Marblehead, Mass., thinking he was to have a run of fever, but it has developed into the grip. L. C. Squire, '04, accompanied him.

The members of the Chi Psi fraternity were given a reception on Tuesday evening, February 19, by the Pi Beta Phi sorority at their rooms in the Battell block. Dancing was the order of the evening.

The Alpha Chi sorority received the members of the faculty and their wives at their rooms on Academy street, Tuesday evening, February 19. A musical program was rendered and refreshments served.

The following have been elected to the offices of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming year: President, F. A. Simmons, '02; vice president, N. C. Dale, '03; treasurer, C. W. Allen, '03; secretary, L. F. Hovey, '04.

Miss Hazen, '03, gave a flower party Saturday evening, March 2, at the home of Miss Merrill, in honor of Miss Maude Jacquith of Tennessee. An unusually pleasant time was enjoyed and several artistic souvenirs given.

The annual Junior Exhibition will be held at the Town Hall on the evening of the last Friday of the term, March 29. A dance will follow the literary program, the committee for which consists of D. A. Burke, J E. Thompson and O. K. Collins.

The following cabinet for the Y. W. C. A. has been chosen for the coming year: President, Miss Barrett, '02; vice president, Miss Bixby, '03; treasurer, Miss Bowles, '02; recording secretary, Miss Jessie Prentis, '04; corresponding secretary, Miss Tucker, '04.

The Warner Science Hall is fast nearing a finished state. The plastering is completed and carpenters are putting in the woodwork. It is to be finished in black oak, making it one of the handsomest as well as best equipped college buildings in New England.

The sympathy of the entire student body is extended to E. S. Brigham, '03, in the death of his mother, which recently occurred at her home in St. Albans. Mr. Brigham has been absent from College all the winter term, owing to her protracted illness.

The Junior class has decided to issue a Middlebury College song book, in place of the customary Junior Kaleidoscope or year book. The following have been elected to the board: Editor-in-chief, G. W. Roberts; assistant editor, F. A. Simmons; business manager, F. B. Miner; assistant business manager, Miss A. K. Deuel.

On Thursday evening, March 7, the Freshman and Sophomore delegations of the local chapter of Pi Beta Phi gave a reception to the Freshman and Sophomore delegations of the local chapter of Delta Upsilon, at the Pharætra in Battell block. Miss Julia Bell acted as chaperon. Principal Harry F. Lake, '99, and Miss Hurlbert of New Haven, Vt., were also present.

The following board of editors for THE UNDERGRADUATE has been chosen for the ensuing year: F. A. Simmons, '02, editor-in-chief; C. W. Allen, '03, F. R. Ingalsbe, '03, and Percival Wilds, '02, assistants. At the annual business meeting of the Undergraduate Association the following officers were elected: Percival Wilds, '02, president; W. J. Stone, '02, vice-president; G. W. Roberts, '02, secretary; J. I. Newton, '03, business manager; C. A. Perkins, '04, assistant business manager.

LIBRARY NOTES.

In the substantial increase of the library that is now taking place it is gratifying to note a large number of books that are the gifts of alumni and other friends of the College, who seem to have been aroused to a sense of our needs since the Centennial celebration and the removal from the old quarters in Painter Hall to the Egbert Starr Library. This task was practically completed and the new library opened on December 3, last. The most noteworthy of these gifts are a complete set in 48 volumes of the U. S. Supreme Court Reports from Mr. George M. Wright, '74; the Dictionary of National Biography in 63 volumes from Mr. James M. Gifford, '77; all the volumes published of Murray's New English dictionary and Grimm's Deutsches Wörterbuch from an unknown donor; 52 volumes of general literature, published by the Macmillan Co., from Mr. James A. Ellsworth, '86; seven volumes of his own works from Mr. Julian Ralph; publications of the Egyptian exploration fund, through Rev. W. C. Winslow, D. D., from Hon. and Mrs. E. S. Converse; the Encyclopædia of Missions, from Rev. W. C. Winslow, D. D.; a set of the Presbyterian Historical Almanac from Mrs. S. H. Newton Stevenson and the Historical Society of the Presbyterian Church; History of the First Church of Christ, New London, Conn., from Rev. S. Leroy Blake, D. D., '59; several books and pamphlets from Mrs. E. D. Van Denburgh; a large number of valuable books and periodicals belonging to the library of the late Rev. John C. Houghton, from Mrs. Houghton; several valuable books from Mr. Ervin H. Thorp:

family histories and genealogies in five large quartos from Mrs. W. D. Griswold; the valuable catalogue of the Mark Skinner Library, from Hon. Loveland Munson; Frederick Starr's Indians of Southern Mexico from Miss Elizabeth Skinner; several of their publications from the National Council of Congregational Churches. Copies of their own works have been received from Dr. Charles C. P. Clark, '43, Rev. Geo. N. Boardman, D. D., '47, Rev. S. L. Blake, D. D. '59, Hon. D. K. Simonds, '62, Rev. Francis B. Denio, D. D., '71, Hon. A. N. Adams, Prof. T. Nelson Dale, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew; Rev. Lewis Grout, Hon. John Hitz; Prof. Conway MacMillan of the University of Minnesota, and Mr. Henry Wood. Other donors are the Royal Society of Canada, Colgate University, the Volta Bureau of Washington, D. C., Mrs. G. N. Boardman, Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60, Miss Grace E. James, '01, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Jr., and the Tuttle Company of Rutland.

In the following list are included a very few of the books coming into the library as part of the munificent gift of Dr. M. Allen Starr. A more extended list will be given in future reports.

RECENT ACCESSIONS.

Eaton. Manual of botany.
Godwin. Out of the past.
Martineau. Autobiography, 3 vol.
Salisbury. Family histories and genealogies.
Denio. The Supreme Leader.
Dale. Outskirts of physical science.
Spofford. Book for all readers.
Wood. Victor Serenus.
Gudeman, ed. Latin literature of the empire.
Bailey. Cyclopedia of American horticulture, 2 vols.
Treadwell. Storage battery.
Potter. U. S. Catalog, 3 vols.
Detmer. Practical plant physiology.
Ganong. Teaching botanist.
Davis. Friend of Caesar.
Simonds. American wit and humor, 2 vol.
Naville. Temple of Deir el Bahari.
Steele. Sacred poetical paraphrases.
Wood. Political economy of natural law.
Bell. Science of speech.
Ralph. On Canada's frontier.
Our great west.
Dixie, or southern scenes and sketches.
People we pass.
Angel in a web.
Prince of Georgia, and other tales.
Alone in China, and other stories.
Weichardt. Tiberius's villa.
Duncker. History of Greece, 2 vols.
Kitchin, ed. Spenser's Faery queene, book 1.
Stephen and Lee, ed. Dictionary of national biography, 63 vols.
Moulton, ed. Modern readers' Bible, 21 vols.
Zangwill. Children of the Ghetto.
Morley. Works, 12 vols.
Pater. Plato and Platonism.
Miscellaneous studies.
Harrison. New calendar of great men.
Tennyson, Ruskin, Mill.
Hapgood. Abraham Lincoln.
Gates. Three studies in literature.
Studies and appreciations.
Mabie. William Shakespeare, poet, dramatist, man.
Skeat. Shakespeare's Plutarch.
Symonds. Introduction to the study of Dante.
Gardner. Dante.
Woodberry. Makers of literature.
Rhodes. History of the U. S., 4 vols.
Halleck. Education of the central nervous system.
U. S. Supreme Court reports, 44 vols.
Indexed digest of above, 4 vols.
Walker. Rev. George Leon Walker, D. D.
Thomson. Euripides and the Attic orators.
Murray, ed. New English dictionary, 4 vols.
Blake. Later history, First Church of Christ, New London, Conn.
Cushing. Story of our postoffice.
Humphreys, ed. Antigone of Sophocles.
Palmer. Antigone of Sophocles translated.
Grimm. Deutsches wörterbuch, 11 vol.
Hime. Lucian, the Syrian satirist.
Lawton. Successors of Homer.
Smyth. Greek melic poets.
Pater. Greek studies.
Butcher. Some aspects of the Greek genius.
Gildersleeve. Pindar.
Forbes, ed. Thucydides, book 1.
Jowett. Thucydides, translated into English, 2 vols.
Hill. Sources for Greek history.

The additions made to the books of reference are perhaps the most valuable of the recent accessions to the Library, filling as they do a vacant place upon the shelves which has been for years very noticeable.